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23PEN33 — LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What are allophones?
2. What is word meaning in semantics?
3. What is the difference between a free and a bound morpheme?
4. Define inflectional morphemes.
5. Define grammar.
6. What is meant by "labeled and bracketed sentences"?
7. What is deep structure in grammar?
8. Define structural ambiguity.
9. What is homonymy?
10. Define collocation in linguistics.

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Explain the difference between phonetics and phonology.

Or

(b) Describe the role of vowels in the English sound system.

12. (a) How do morphemes influence the formation of new words in English?

Or

(b) Analyze the impact of affixes on the meaning and structure of words.

13. (a) Discuss the role of traditional grammar in understanding language structure.

Or

(b) Compare the descriptive and structural approaches in the study of grammar.

14. (a) Analyze the role of recursion in syntactic rules.

Or

(b) Explain the difference between syntactic and semantic ambiguity.

15. (a) Discuss the role of semantic features in understanding word meaning.

Or

(b) Explain how prototypes influence meaning in semantics.

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SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Evaluate the significance of the IPA in studying sounds of language.

17. Create a critical discussion on the impact of derivational and inflectional morphemes on language development.

18. Analyze the role of labeled and bracketed sentences in grammar.

19. Evaluate the significance of transformational rules in generative grammar.

20. Create a critical discussion on how collocation impacts meaning and context in semantics.

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